

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE OCEAN AND THE OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM FOR CLIMATE

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Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed please find your review copy of the Climate Observation Program's first *Annual Report on the State of the Ocean and the Ocean Observing System for Climate*. This initial effort is intended to be primarily an internal management tool but it is hoped that the *Annual Report* may develop over the next few years into an authoritative public record of the progress of the global observing system and its effectiveness in documenting the ocean's contribution to climate variability and change.

One of the objectives of our April 13-15 workshop will be to review and discuss this project with the intent of gathering your recommendations for improvement next year. Thank you all for your excellent contributions to the report and for helping to build the ocean component of the global climate observing system.

Sincerely,

Mike Johnson